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action against the French.

They have not yet seen

- The DRV is retaining firm control of the Thanh Hoa are in order to launch a full-scale offensive into Tonkin during the forthcoming dry season.
- Although some Soviet-made equipment is being received by DRV forces, 3. most of their arms are of American make. Chinese Communist arms aid is being received continuously from Kwangtung.
- General Nguyen Binh has been replaced by General Tran Van Tral as commander of DRV guerrilla units and joint DRV-Cambodian units in South Vietnam. Binh is held responsible for the increasing number of DRV troop defections to the Bao Dai Government.

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